

January 2016

## Program Alerts

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established an alternate attestation option through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program website for providers who are attesting to the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and are subject to payment adjustments through Medicare. This is for providers who's state SLR systems are not available for attestation submissions and/or for providers who are unsure if they will meet the patient volume thresholds.

This applies to providers attesting to meaningful use and have an attestation still in review for program year 2014 as well as meaningful use providers awaiting to submit an attestation for program year 2015.

Attesting to this alternate option is only to avoid a Medicare payment adjustment and must be submitted no later than **February 29, 2016**. Providers will still need to submit attestations through the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program to receive incentive payments.

## Important Dates

### Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals:

- **December 31, 2015**  
Last day of the Calendar Year (CY). Reporting year ends for Program Year 2015.
- **2016**  
Last year to initiate participation in Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- **January 1, 2016**  
Reporting year begins for Program Year 2016.
- **January 1 – February 29, 2016**  
CAH 2015 Hardship Application Submission Period.
- **February 29, 2016**  
Last day to attest to receive an incentive payment for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015.
- **May 31, 2016**  
Last day to attest to receive an incentive payment for Calendar Year (CY) 2015.
- **July 1, 2016**  
Last day to apply for Hardship Exception to avoid 2017 Medicare Payment Adjustment.
- **August 1 – September 30, 2016**  
CAH 2015 Reconsideration Application Submission Period.
- **December 31, 2016**  
Last day of the Calendar Year (CY). Reporting year ends for Program Year 2016.
- **2021**  
Last year to receive Medicaid EHR incentive payment.

## For Help with Meaningful Use

### Regional Extension Centers (REC) with Kentucky Service

- Kentucky REC at the University of Kentucky: <http://kentuckyrec.com/>
- NorthEast Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization: <http://nekyrhio.org/>

### For Help from Kentucky Medicaid

- Medicaid EHR website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>
- Send an email to [ehrincentives@ky.gov](mailto:ehrincentives@ky.gov)
- Send an email from Send E-mail function at <https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>
- Submit an Issue/Concern through attestation website

## Getting Started

- ✓ Register at CMS
- ✓ Individual NPI and Registration Identifier (assigned by CMS)
- ✓ Payment reassignment documentation
- ✓ 90 day patient volume report
- ✓ Meaningful Use reports for MU reporting period
- ✓ Certified EHR Technology supporting documentation
- ✓ Screen shot of CMS Certification ID from the Certified Health IT Product List website
- ✓ Meaningful Use Confirmation form (provided by KHIE) and/or Go-Live Approval form (provided by KHIE)

### Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Status, January 11, 2016

	Registrations	Completed Attestations	Total Paid	Amount Paid
<b>Hospitals</b>	95	254	246	\$124,771,044.07
<b>Providers</b>	4,071	5,848	4,777	\$78,061,166.84
<b>Totals</b>	4,166	6,102	5,023	\$202,832,210.91

### Kentucky Medicare EHR Incentive Program Status, September 2015

Total Payments to EPs and EHs: 8,445

Total Amount Paid: \$338,141,131.07

## KHIE Connection

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) is the Public Health Authority in the Commonwealth for the public health measures within the EHR Incentive Program. In order to be deemed a Meaningful User the provider must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health objective selected for attestation.

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